

# AMERICAN HISTORY IS SET ASIDE FOR "FADS" IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS, PARENTS DECLARE

Ignored Entirely in Lower Grades and Studied in Detail Only by One Child Out of Twenty Attending Public Schools.

ENGLISH HISTORY IS "MORE IMPORTANT."

Parents Continue Criticism of "Fad and Fancy" Policy Which Crowds Essentials Out of Curriculum of the Average Pupil.

One of the complaints against the "fad and fancy" system of education now in vogue in the public schools of this city is that too little time is given to the study of American history. Parents declare children leave school with but a smattering knowledge of the great events and men of their own country, while they are fairly proficient in drawing animals and vegetables, in "recognizing the calls and songs of birds" and in "describing a stunts."

One mother writes that her son knows far more about the Magna Charta, William the Conqueror and the war between England and France than he does about the Constitution, George Washington and the civil war.

A glance at the course of study in history, as prepared by the Board of Education, shows that under the new system less time is devoted to American history than formerly. Quite as much attention is given to English history, the syllabuses frequently emphasizing the need of a thorough knowledge of it to a proper understanding of the development of our nation.

Don't Expect Much.

In the introductory note to the course in history "the teacher is cautioned against attempting or expecting too much." The Board considers that "the historical sense in children develops slowly." In 1913, the grade in which American history is first taken up, there should be "no attempt at a systematic presentation of the subject."

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## WRITE YOUR VIEWS OF THE FADS IN THE CITY'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

So widespread has the discussion over the so-called "fads and fancies" in the system of education now in vogue in the public schools become that The Evening World would like to hear what the parents think. It also invites an expression of opinion from the teachers, communications from whom will be treated as confidential. Any teacher may feel free to write The Evening World candidly on the subject, confident that her name will not be published. Opinions from both sides are invited.

This, together with the history of our constitutional development, is "left largely to the eighth grades, when the pupil will have some knowledge of English history, so necessary to the understanding of it." It is a matter of regret that scarcely per cent of the children who attend the public schools in this city ever reach the eighth grade.

The method adopted by the Board of Education for developing "the historical sense in children" was unknown in the days of the "Three R's." In grade 8, where the subject is introduced, no mention is made of American history, but in the syllabus teachers are directed to give historical and biographical sketches on Confucius, Buddha, Rameses II., Sardanapalus, Hercules, Homer, the houses of Athens and Sparta, the Republics of Rome, Hannibal, the Gracchi, Caesar, Attila, Mohammed, Barbarossa, Peter the Hermit, Peter the Great, Napoleon and Bismarck.

Having had their "historical sense" thus developed, the board considers that in the next grade the children are fitted to be introduced to the great men and events of this country; but the introduction must be only casual. Teachers are permitted to give "brief sketches" only of Columbus, De Soto, Miles Standish, William Penn, Benjamin Franklin, Washington, the French and Indian war, Lafayette, Benedict Arnold, Nathan Hale, Jackson, Perry, Lincoln, Grant, Sheridan and Farragut.

What Parents Say.

There is no decrease in the number of letters daily received by The Evening World, denouncing the "fad and fancy" system in the public schools. For one which upholds the present course of instruction, there are a hundred which condemn it as unfitted to prepare children for business life. Jessie Fannon writes as follows:

To the Editor of The Evening World.

As I am perfectly familiar with the machinery of the public schools some of the following statements may serve to illustrate a few of the ridiculous situations now existing.

It seems to me and it will probably appeal to every intelligent person that the study of English is a most necessary and vital one for school children of all ages. What man or woman is not introduced to this great republic can feel equipped to face the world unless able to write and converse correctly and intelligently?

Writing, construction work, painting and notation of music are all very well in their way, they are things which may point out the beautiful to young minds. But only the talented are benefited by these, and few indeed possess that rare gift. What we want in our educational system is that which will advance not the few but the great multitude, and these information and facts are given in English. Some very excellent manuals of which he is the author are our authoritative reference books. But how can we make use of them if there be no time allotted to this branch? If people would take the trouble to listen attentively for a few moments to the conversation of the average school child they would firmly believe what I say. Let us hope, in

the name of the generation to come that through the efforts of your worthy paper our misguided authorities may yet see the light.

JESSIE FANNON.

Let Year Practical.

"A Teacher and Parent" would abolish music, drawing, manual training and elementary science from the last two years of the course and devote the time to practical studies. Here is what she writes:

To the Editor of The Evening World:

I am interested in your discussion of the course of study in the public schools, and I would like to make a few practical suggestions. The two phases of the popular clamor are, first, that the pupils are not prepared as well as they ought to be for the practical business of life; second, that certain relatively unimportant subjects called "fads" consume too much time. Both of these complaints are just and well-founded, no matter what professional educators say.

An attempt is made in the course of study to use the language of the education to the child, the pupil, in some degree at least, with all the phases of his environment. It is impossible for the school to do this, and it is better policy to give the child a firm grip on the essentials of life environment than it is merely to afford him a kaleidoscope view of the whole of it. If it is admitted that music, drawing and manual training (of the elementary sort) are of the most value in the lower grades, and while best, sound and electricity may be important enough, the pupil can be trusted to "pick up" what he needs of those subjects.

My proposal, then, is to cut out altogether music, drawing and manual training and elementary science from the last two years of the course, and devote the time so saved to correspondence, mathematics, spelling, grammar, geography and history. In fact, these are the only subjects left after cutting out the others. The French, German, Latin and geography I would also let go by the board. This plan would concentrate the pupils' most mature efforts on those subjects that would do him the most good.

A TEACHER AND PARENT.

The Modern Way.

The "fad and fancy" course Mary Cottigan to break into vogue. Here is what she has to say of them:

"The five and twenty years ago since I failed to go to school, I learned the hard way that the golden rule is: 'Do as you would be done by.' And through my father's loving care I learned the Rule of Three. But now these days are past and gone—(perhaps it's better so). And now our children go to school to learn 'what they should know.' If X would equal eight of air they'd tell you right away.

How can the human heart should palpitate each day.

They know just when the bud should break and when the flower should bloom.

They know exactly how to throw when

playing basketball. They cut up worms and frogs and fish and funny little things. Whose locomotion is performed without feet, fins or wings. They study Greek; they study French; they study German, too. In fact, they study everything but an "important" few.

But the good old days are past and gone as yesterday's stars. When the good old master said, we learned the three R's.

Walter S. Jenkins is Aroused Over the Emasculation of "The Star Spangled Banner."

To the Editor of The Evening World:

The greatest thanks are due the Evening World for drawing the attention of the general public to the amazing attempt being made to falsify our school histories and emasculate our national anthem by omitting its most stirring stanza. If managers of schools are permitted to teach perverted histories, the children will become demoralized and grow up ashamed of our glorious institutions.

When foreign influence is potent enough to secure the emasculation of "The Star Spangled Banner," lines receding one of the most thrilling events in our country's history, it is high time that we Americans should assert our manhood and insist that our school boards, public and private, shall not be permitted to subvert American ideals. They must be given to thoroughly understand that the children are not our masters, and that their duty is to teach the truth and not pervert it.

If school authorities are so degenerate as to tamper with our national anthem, their baseness and effrontery must have extended to other vital matters, and the only manner in which

their treachery can be circumvented is by exposing their misdoings before further mischief can be wrought. I hope The Evening World will continue this fight to a finish, and by so doing it will not only do a fine service to the nation but also to its institutions.

WALTER S. JENKINS.

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The Hyomel-Japanese war was critically analyzed by a competent authority in The World Almanac for 1923.

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Beets—Strawberry variety; big, red, fresh-flavored; no vegetable more healthful; large 3-lb. can, 12c

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